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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/823,500	<b>Applicant(s)</b> STEBBINS ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 08 February 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-38.

Identification of prior art discussed: Sajoto et al (USPGPub 2002/0015855; Thach et al (US 6,659,331); Frahme (US 4,414,786); Wada (JP 11006049); Konuki (JP62202075).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed Sajoto et al regarding PVD/CVD liners/shields. Discussed Thach et al regarding distinction between mat and grain size. New art discussed: Frahme, Wada, and Konuki. Discussed case specifics regarding pliant, soft, non-rigid, mat, woven fibers. Examples in suggested for Specification such as pliant, soft, and non-rigid to clarify invention.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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